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Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

An infrared light condensing apparatus ~~is provided~~ that ~~permits~~ focuses an infrared light of several tens microns in wavelength ~~to be focused efficiently~~ at a microfine area of submicron or less and also a near-field from a microfine area of submicron or less ~~to be taken out efficiently,~~ and ~~at the same time~~ permits a scanning image to be obtained. It includes a solid immersion lens ~~(2) made of~~ including a medium of high index of refraction for coupling an incident light ~~(8)~~ or an outgoing light ~~(9~~ to an antenna, a measured specimen ~~(6)~~ disposed on a base plane ~~(3)~~ of the solid immersion lens ~~(2)~~, ~~the~~ an antenna ~~(4), e.g., a planar dipole antenna (14) or a planar slot antenna (16), that is~~ disposed away from the base plane ~~(3)~~ at a distance ~~that is~~ 1/4 of an effective wavelength of the light for causing the light to geometrically resonate therewith, a rod-like conductive probe ~~(4b) in the form of a rod-like conductor~~ having a sharply point end projecting from the antenna ~~(4)~~, and a position control means such as a triaxial XYZ mechanical stage ~~(23)~~ for controlling the position of the probe ~~(4b)~~ with the intermediary of a cantilever ~~(5)~~. ~~Coupling the incident light (8) or the outgoing light (9) to the antenna (4) is made through the high dielectric constant medium side and an antenna capable of bringing about geometrical resonance is used to enhance the efficiency.~~